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05/20/2004 12:23 PM cc:
Subject: Re: D-9 Yucca Mostly Rail NOI Comments

Thank you, Gayle. I'll forward a copy of the response to DOE. Unlike last time, when the California Energy Commission was the coordinator, we will send our comments. CEC is not responding to the NOI and instructed us to go ahead. Betty

Gayle Rosander



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**Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for
a Rail Line to Yucca Mountain Repository (April 2004)**

Hi Betty,

Here are our comments for the HQ letter:

Transporting nuclear waste mostly by rail would probably have a lesser impact to the State of California Highway facilities. However some shipments will still be by truck. It is our agency's responsibility to ensure the safe mobility of the public and integrity of State Highway Facilities. The following items need to be addressed in the project EIS:

- Please address the proposed California truck routes and any rail-to-truck intermodal transfer facilities. Note which will be part of the permanent plan with the rail project, and which will be used until the line would be built. Identify associated impacts, and propose mitigation for these routes. Clarify how mitigation would be funded. Address emergency response issues.
- A time-line should be provided
- Address what alternatives may be put in place if the Caliente line is not built.
- Identify rail and repository construction activities that would affect California State Highways (i.e. material transport, visual impacts, access, etc.).

Thanks,
Gayle
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